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September 1, 2020

SUBJECT: August 6, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1000. Opening ritual completed. Commander provided zoom meeting administrative remarks.
2. ROLL CALL: All Officers and Trustees present except: Service Officer (A), Past Post Commanders Bogatko (E) and Stern (E). Fifteen members attended, and a quorum was met.
3. MINUTES: Minutes of July meeting were not read – approval deferred.
4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Senior Vice Commander: Honor Guard – 22 services, including the service for our past member Sid Metzger. Membership incentive plan first drawing will be the end of August.
 - b. Junior Vice Commander: Reiterated COVID constraints and probable impact on our upcoming meetings and events. Oct picnic, Nov pancake breakfast, and Dec luncheon in a “wait and see” for at least another 30 days.
 - c. Adjutant: Membership at 201 with 15 pending; “recruiting/transferring” letter to Post 100 members has been sent to printers. Online renewal process was discussed and recommended (include recommendation to membership in next communication).
 - d. Finance Officer: Jun 30 – July 31 report: Total income: \$5,199, total disbursements: \$4,026 for net increase of \$1,173. \$10,248 checking account and \$9,364 in money market for total fund balance of \$19,612. The Finance Officer’s report was approved as presented subject to review and will be maintained by the Adjutant.
 - e. Chaplain: Several members and members’ wives passed away in the last month; couple of knee operations, and others in or returning from hospital stays. Paul asked us to remember all of them and our other members, friends, and families in our thoughts and prayers. He also reminded everyone to contact him when they learn of any member or family member needing to be contacted or remembered in thoughts and prayers.

- f. Service Officer (Absent): Nothing to report.
 - g. Trustees: Nothing to report.
5. TAPS/SICK CALL: None reported.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- a. Upcoming Post Events –
 - I. Blood Drive: Commander Leighton went over the status of the Sep 1-2 blood drive donor and volunteer sign-up and reiterated the need for blood donations. Additional volunteers and donors still needed.
 - II. Fall Picnic: As discussed by Junior Vice Commander's report, we'll delay decision until the September meeting.
 - III. Fall Pancake Breakfast: We discussed whether or not to cancel the Nov breakfast and potential options including "drive-through/curb-side pickup", virtual breakfast, and cancellation (including a request for donations in lieu of sending out tickets).

Motion made by Ken Porizek, seconded by Bill Chesney to have a virtual pancake breakfast on Nov 3rd. Motion passed unanimously.
 - IV. Christmas Luncheon: Dec 12th: Briarwood Country Club is able to handle approximately 50 participants. Discussed the probability of COVID constraints remaining in place at that time and whether or not members would come and possibly sending out a survey to the members.
 - V. Veteran's Benefit Expo: Not discussed.
 - VI. Boy Scouts Troop 21: Commander Leighton is the designated the Charter Organization Executive and Denny Fossey is our Charter Organization Representative (COR). Our annual cost is a \$60 registration fee. Our only other "requirement" is to allow the Scouts to brief us on their activities/accomplishments. We also discussed troop composition and other miscellaneous points.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request to add Martin Luther King Day as a Memorial Boulevard of Flags schedule: The attachments were shown to the members as background before discussion:
- I. Church request: Enclosure 3.
 - II. Initial flag display periods: Enclosure 4.
 - III. Modification to display periods: Enclosures 5.
 - IV. Current display periods: Enclosure 6.
 - V. US Flag Code: Enclosure 7.
 - VI. Meaning of the Preamble: Enclosure 8.

Motion made by Paul Van Rooy, seconded by Bill Chesney to add Martin Luther King Day (3rd Monday in January) and Inauguration Day (January 20th) to our Memorial Boulevard of Flags display schedule. The motion was tabled in favor of having a larger portion of the membership voting on the change. Tabling was approved unanimously.

- b. Does anyone have any additional new business? None.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- a. Other upcoming blood drives: 8/18 – Alliance of Business and Community (ABC); 8/22 – Post 62; 9/8 and 9/9 - Corte Bella Vets.
- b. Next Meeting: 9/3; Encourage others to attend.
- c. YCSMSOYA: You Can't Sell Memberships Sitting On You're A__!
- d. Does anyone have anything for the good of the Legion?
- I. Frank Adelman asked about the NWVVA flag retirement schedule and the "over-flowing" status as of the storage schedule.
 - II. Bill Chesney asked for another reminder and zoom instructions prior to the next meeting.
 - III. Online membership training is available on mylegion.org/training.

9. CLOSING CEREMONIES: Performed per ritual.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1055.

For God and Country

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8 Enclosures

- Encl 1: Agenda
- Encl 2: Finance Officer's Report
- Encl 3: Church request to honor MLK Day
- Encl 4: Initial flag display periods
- Encl 5: Modification to flag display period
- Encl 6: Current Memorial Boulevard of Flags Schedule
- Encl 7: Extract of US Flag Code
- Encl 8: Extract of American Legion Preamble



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Encl 2 Post 94 July
2020 Finance Report



Encl 3 20200722
Flag Request MLK D



Encl 4



Encl 5



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Flags up and down



Encl 7 Extract US
Flag Code.docx



Encl 8 Meaning of
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